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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant submits herewith a Form PTO-1449 listing information known to Applicant and requests that this information be made of record in the above identified application. Copies are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

The references submitted were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese patent application.


EP 0 318 224 and U.S. Patent No. 5,075,674 are in the family of JP 01-134342.

An RCE was filed in this application on March 8, 2005, and no further Office Action has been received. Therefore no fee is required.

It has come to the attention of Applicant that the PTO 1449 Form accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 2, 2001 contains an error. The form of translation of JP 53-144297 is listed as "Full Eng." However, it has come to the attention of Applicant that only an English abstract

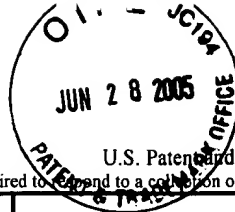
was filed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner line through the erroneous listing on the PTO 1449 filed November 2, 2001, and evidence his consideration of JP 53-144297 by initialing the attached PTO 1449 Form.

Respectfully submitted,



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